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## Methods Denounced Gaines

## RESPONSIBLE

#### Member Protests 1 Tennessee Against Adjournment

Buty of the House to Stay in Session der in the camp in the hands of Sner and Attend to Business-Should Go to Wall Street and Throttle the Thieves-Protest Made Against Al-Sessions of the House.

Washington, Dec. 21.-The senate and house both adjourned today after brief sessions until January 6. The house proceedings were enlivened by a fiery speech by John Wesley Gaines, of Tennessee, protesting against the adjournment of the house for Christmas holidays. We should have gone to Wall street and throttled the thieves and turned back to the honest people their hard earnings, he exclaimed.

At this utterance Mr. Payne of New York laughingly inquired what subject was before the house

"Oh," said Mr. Games, "I expect no more than that the gentleman from New York will laugh in Wall street what I say. But that does not deter me from condemning their imposition and their outrage upon the plain people of this country who are not responsible for this highway act of impasing an unnecessary panic upon the defenseless people I say washould stay here during the holidays and rivet down these vultures that note fore. ed this condition."

It was the duty of every member he said, to stay here and attend to business "Not as democrats or as republicans, but as Americans represent ing the American people." In much forceful language, Repre-

sentative Hepburn of Jowa, protested against the general premission which had been given to the committees to sit during the sessions of the house Such action, he said tied the hands

of the house and would make it impossible on some occasions to secure a quorum.

Notwithstanding the two protests the val permission was granted to the 20 minutes the house adjourned until four or five days, when the family January 6.

pending during the year 1907 the re- house as usual and the president win least \$100 of work annually during the Year's Day. period in which their claims are being perfected.

ment a deficiency appropriation bill which had previously passed the house fond. appropriating \$50,000 to replace seed burned at the agricultural department warehouse in this city November 3

Senator Cullom introduced a joint the constitution limiting the terms of completed today the president and vice president to six years and prohibiting a re-election 100 a second term.

A number of other bills and resolutions were introduced. The senate was session 45 minutes.

peintment of a commission to consist of three senators and three represent, his son expect to do some shooting atives to make an investigation into, while away. They will be absent the recent explosions in coal mines in absent about a week. West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Alabama and oth states. The commission is by Mrs. Stevens, will leave tomorrow directed of report to congress and to for their New York home, where they make such recommendations as may will pass the Christmas holidays. The

seem proper. "I hope to have a prompt report on ; this joint resolution" said Mr. Scott, 'as I am receiving a great mazy letters and telegrams in regard to these MURDERED REVENUE OFFICER disasters. People think it is time to discover where the blame for these

disasters rest." The resolution was referred to the committee on mines and mining.

#### TOBACCO WAR IN KENTUCKY Efforts to Settle Controversy Likely to be Successful.

terday in the conference of the to- ceived here, states that the three men bacco growers and buyers called by are noted monshiners and that Hen-Governor Willson, that the tobacco dricks was making an effort to arrest controversy in Kentucky wil te ami- them on a charge ff illicit distilling cably settled. The conference was in when shot. session until a late hour last night and adjourned with the understanding

that he American tobacco company would on January 2nd examine samples of the tobacco held by the Burley tobacco society at Winchester. The society holds 60,000,000 pounds of tobacco. The American company made it clear that it could not use all of it but would examine samples and probably place a price on a portion of it.

Before the adjournment of the committee representing the Green River dark tobacco district, headed by E. B. McEven of the McLean company, requested a conference with the Ameri can company's representatives and all other buyers. The American tobacco 110 company's representatives complied with the request, but no date was sec for the inspection of the tobacco.

#### WANT TROOPS TO REMAIN.

Mine Operators Afraid to Leave Task of Preserving Order in Hands of Sheriff.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 21.-Mine operators of the Goldfield are loath to leave task of preserving law and oriff Ingalls. They are using every endeavor to prevail on President Rooselowing Committees to Sit During velt to order a portion of the troops ito remain in Goldfield indetailtely. Three telegrams have been sent at various times today, not only from the mine owners but from officers from various civic bodies and by private individuals, all urging upon the president the necessity of the presence of the troops.

> In the meantime it appears that conditions today are much better 101 peaceful solution of the difficulty between the miners and operators than ever before. C. E. Mahoney acting president of the western federation of miners, arrived tonight and is in consultation with the local miners union Attorney O. S. Sitton will leave in the morning to assist in the Pettibone as

An officer of the mine owners asso ciation today said:

"The men can go back to work but not unles sthey renounce the western

In the event that the miners do renounce the western federation or get their positions back through some other proceeding, the operators say they will pay the strike breakers now here half a month's pay and send them back to where they came from.

No more strike breakers came today, and the operators say no more are

#### WILL SO TO VIRGINIA President Appounces His Plans for the the Holidays.

Washington Dec. 21.—The soliday plans of President Roosevelt and family as announced at the white house today contemplate a trip to Pine Kno: Va., the day after Christmas and a committees and after being in session stay at the estate of Mrs. Roosevelt will return to Washington. Christ-The senate today passed a bill sus- mas will be celebrated at the white guirement that miners shall do at be back for public reception on New

The annual visit to Pine Knot as fords the president opportunity for The senate passed without amend- cross country riding and wild turkey hunting, pastimes of which he is very

Mrs Roosevelt joins in many of the horseback rides, and because of the seclusion of the Pine Knot estate an uninterrupted enjoyment may be had Arrangments for the trip which will be resolution proposing amendment to made over the Southern railway were

#### TO VISIT NORTH CAROLINA Postmaster General Meyer Will Spend Holidays in This State,

Washington, December 21.-Postmaster General Meyer will leave Signator Scott today introduced a Washington tomorrow night, accom- killed in the recnt explosion will ar- arrived here tday with the captain Soint resolution providing for the appropriate by his son, for North Carolina, rive here tomorrow morning from and crew of seven men of the Ameriwhere they will spend the Christmas holidays. The postmaster general and

> Secretary Strus of the department of commerce and labor accompanied secretary expects to return to Washington the latter part of next week. In his absence Solicitor Charles

Earl, of the department will be acting

#### Large Rewards Offered for Persons Suspected of the Crime.

Washington, D. C., December 21.-The department of justice has offered a reward of \$1,000 each for the arrest of "Jim" Smith and Oscar Sykes, and \$500 for the arrest of John Hill, who are suspected of the murder of Deputy Collector J W. Hendricks, in Stokes Frankfort, Ky., Dec. 21.-It is the county, North Carolina, yesterday. A pinion of those who participated yes- despatch from Greensboro, N. C., re-

> FRESH sweet cream and grated cocoanut at Pimmer's.

## The Accumulation of Gas Retards Progress

### All Multilated and Only Identified by Their Clothing

Bodies of Victims Will be Buried Today-Several of Rescuing Parties Discover Cause of Explosion-Relief ment in the Philippines a community

Jacob Creek, Pa., Dec. 21.-But thirteen bodies had been recovered from he Darr Mine when darkness came tonight and al hope of reaching the others before tomorrow was abandoned The rescue work progressed steadily and systematically all day, but was slow on acount of a heavy accumula tion of gas which necessitated more precaution in the work of exploration, The mine has been penetrated about 10,000 feet, but the slope is an old one and the workings are located nearly three miles from the surface. in their endeavor to reach the victims several members of the rescuing party were se riously overcome later today by black damp. Their condition became so grave that physicians were rushed into the mine to render medical aid Later the sickened rescurers were brought to the surface and taken to their homes The scenes about the mines were of a more pathetic nature today. Apparently a full realization of the calamity had finally come to the relatives and residents of the surround ing vicinity.

Greater numbers congregated about the ill-fated mine and gave full sway to their feelings.

The 13 bodies thus far recovered have been identified and will be buried

All are badly mutilated and their identification was obtained only by clothing. The legs of another victim are at the temporary morgue, but up to late tonight the rest of the man's body could not be located.

Thousands of people are expected to visit the scene of the disaster tomor

A squad of Pennsylvania state police will be reinforced by coroner's deputies and it is not believed that there will be any undue excitement or disorder. Clarence Hall, the government geolo-

gical expert of Washington, and S. M. Fowler, of Chicago a United States mining engineer, arrived here toda; to make an investigation of the accident for the government. Mine in. spectors from surrounding states are also present and whenever conditions will permit a thorough investigation of the explosion will be made in the hope of reaching some plan whereby the frequency of the terrible occur rences can be eliminated.

Relief funds have been started in various towns surrounding this place and within a few days a permanent organization will be perfected to take care of the widows and children of the unfortunate miners.

A special train bearing relief for the suffering families of the miners Connellsville. The train will be in can schooner Gardiner B. Reynolds, roads upon profits. We emerge from family residence in Brooklyn. charge of the Darr Relief associa- who had been rescued from their the panic, therefore, with the mercantion which was organized today by sinking vessel in mid-Atlantic. The tile and industrial situation generally the merchants, foreign priests and schooner was dismasted in a gale sound, and with the signs of reaction miners of Connellsville and New and became water-logged. The crew Haven. It is proposed by the mem- worked the pumps for several days. bers of the association to make a thorough canvass of the Darr settle- they were taken off by the Miguel ordinary expenditures of the railroads ment and ascertain the wants of the DeLarrenega. The Gardiner B. Rey- and unusual real estate activity. Thus orphans and widows. Appeals for nolds Captain Parsons, was from it is gradually being demonstrated that livered to a Roanoke detective and the contributions will be based upon this Wilmington, N. C., for Portland, Me, our difficulties are largely financial; canvass. The train will carry a sup- The steamer Caracas from New York uly of food and clothing for those for San Juan, Porto Rico, passed the in need of immediate aid.

inspectors are now convinced that awash and only one mast was stand- fects will not be as widespread as that there is no fire in the mine. They ing. The schooner was 397 tons. have penetrated within half a mile of the end of the pit and the indications of fire have disappeared.

#### COSTLY ACCIDENT TO S. A. L. Twenty-one Cars and Two Engines

Precipitated Into River.

morning under the westbound freight train precipitating the train into the Pee Dee River. Twenty-one cars went into the riveh and also two engines. There were no casualties. The accident will cost the road fifty thousand dollars and traffic cannot be resumed until Tuesday.

#### SITUATION IN PHILIPPINES.

Secretary Taft Highly Gratified with Progress That has Been Made and Outlook for the Future.

Washington, Dec. 21.-As soon as he has disposed of the vast amount of departmental business which has accummulated during his long absence Secretary Taft will begin the preparation of an extended report on his observations in the Philippines.

In an interview tonight Mr. Taft discussed at much length the situation in the islands from both a political and material viewpoint and expressed himself as highly gratified with the progress that had been made and the outlook for development in all lines.

"The whole situation," he said "briefly, may be summed up in this

"Peace prevails throughout the Philippines today in a greater degree than ever in their history, either under Spanish or American rule. Agriculture is nowhere impeded by fear on the part of the farmers of predatory bands. Under the policy inaugurated by Pres-Overcome by Black Damp-Mining ident McKinley in reference to the es-Experts to Make Investigation to tablishment of a temporary governconsisting of seven million people inhabiting 300 different islands, many of whom were in open rebellion against the U.S. government for4 years with all the disturbances following from robbers and predatory bands which broke out from time to time to a state of profound peace and tranare loyally supporting the government in the maintenance of order."

#### FOR SHIP SUBSIDY.

#### Efforts to be Made to Get Measure Passed at Present Session of Con-

Cleveland, Ohio, December 21.-United States senators, congressmen and high government officials and representatives of many business interests gatuered here today in the interest of a ship subsidy. Harvey D. Goulder, president of the Merchant's Marine League, under the auspices of which the convention was held, expressed the opinion that the meeting would not only have a good result, but the attendance and enthusiasm shown by the delegates ndicated that the general public was taking a greater interest in the subject of the merchant marine and a subsidy for seagoing craft.

The convention was in a degree the beginning of a campaign of education but the greatest efforts of the league will be directed to congres this winter in the interests of the United States mail subsidy for ocean steamers.

It is estimated that the govern- weight has not yet been given, is that ment will have to donate about \$200, 000,000 to place the merchant marine in a position successfully to compete with the merchant marine of other nations, where subsidy exists.

of subsidy that the measure was not textile field, the third largest division only of interest to the vessel owners of national industry The cotton mills but of direct benefit to every citizen | of the United States and that the ships were entitled to this assistance as much as the rivers, harbors and avoid the consequences of an overpro-

The day's conference was conclud- policy of curtailment. In this direct ed with a banquet this evening, which was a general love feast over the success of the league in its work so far. The star attractions at the banquet were Senator J. B. Foraker The same can be said regarding the of Ohio and Senator J. H. Gallinger food industry, which ranks first in of New Hampshire.

#### REYNOLDS' CREW IS SAFE.

#### Picked up by Steamship DeLarren ega and Landed at Liverpool.

Much desired news as to the safety of the crew of the schooner Gardiner B. Reynolds, was received last night in the following cablegram the present condition of the money from Liverpool

British steamer Miguel DeLarrenega but had about given up hope when been excessively stimulated by extra-Gardiner B. Reynolds abandoned at been a Wall street panic and that there The company officials and state sea December 8. Her decks were are reasons for believing that its ef-

#### Arrives at Porto Rico.

ments of the season to friends ashore The battleship then landed Benjamin tleship rejoined the fleet.

#### To Send Delegates.

Washington, December 21.-The ress will be held in December 1908. be severely felt in these branches of serve as compared with last week.

## Cause for Alarm

## People Should Recognize Change in Fundamental Conditions

While There are Many Unsetting Elements, There are Also Many Compensations-Farmers are in Good Financial Condition-Wealth Produced by Farms Cannot be Obliterated by Any Stock Market Panio.

New York, Dec. 21-The only way

to meet the present situation is to at ouce recognize changes in fundamental conditions which have taken place during the closing year. We have descend ably lower; though not as low as in ed with unpleasant violence from an the flourishing era before the panic. due to local causes have been brought abnormal high level to an exceeding- The condition of the bond market is ly low level and the succeeding process quility, in which the people as a whole of adjustment is painful but impera- ities of this class promise to be mainnized and the more promptly arrangeunsettling elements in the situation. it is satisfactory to observe some comlost sight of in the prevailing gloom. It must not be forgotten that our farm. ers are in strong financial condition the happy result of a series of very profitable harvests. This season is sure to be a good one for all engaged in agricultural pursuits. No suca situation existed in previous panics. when our farmers suffered to a degree which is now impossible This may be class prosperity and, theref ore, less from various parts of the country desirable than universal prosperity. but the financial strength of our agriculturists is going to prove no mean bulwark against the attacks of depression.

Our farms produced \$7,000,000,000 o wealth this year which cannot be obliterated by any stock market panic. Another consideration which should

not be overlooked and to which due

our mercantile and industrial conditions are generally sound and free of the oversupply which characterized the panic of 1893. Thus far there are It was asserted by the advocates few signs of overproduction in the of the country are in an especially sound condition financially; and co duction are generally following the tion at least there are no signs of weakness, and our mills are in excellent shape for meeting reaction importance. It is almost impossible to find any market in this arriston of business oversupplied. In fact, in all of the mercantile markets there is little or no complaint of overproduction, the only weakness being in occasinna! cases of unwise expansion and overextension of credit. In such instances market may cause some embarrass-Liverpool, December 21.—The ment; especially should diminished next week. consumption and lower prices, which chiefly limited to interests which have

of its predecessors in 1893 or 1903. Such industrial overdoing as is ap-San Juan, Porto Rico, December parent has been chiefly confined to in-21.—The battleship Missouri detach- terests connected with or dependent ed from the fleet arrived off this upon the products of the mine. Great al and beautiful inscription is being port today and signalled command- development has occurred in the genant of the naval station the "compli- eral industrial plant of the country, lywood cemetery, it being the tribute although apparently not yet in excess of Margaret Howell Hayes, of Colora-Charlotte, N. C., December 21.—A Northway, a fireman who is ill with of the demands of a rapidly growing trestle four miles from Wadesboro, on peritonitis. He was taken to the population. The greatest degree of Howell Davis, wife of the president of the Seaboard Air Line, collapsed this naval hospital. After this the bat- overdoing outside of Wall stheet has unquestionably been in copper mining. The enormous expenditures of the railroads for improvements and the senate recommending that means undoubtedly caused an extraordinary shows that the banks hold \$31,731,000 of sending delegates to the first Pan- expansion in certain industries; and less than the requirements of the 25

that to a very great extent this has

#### industry and within the ranks of labor thus employed.

More or less inertia prevails in the financial district; because the housecleaning process is evidently not yet complete, confidence recovers slowly after so violent a disturbance, and the purchasing power of investing classes has been greatly diminished. The discouraging influences in Wall street have, however, been so thoroughly discounted that it is prudent to begin to look upon the more hopeful side. There is no doubt but that prices are still abnormally low and must in due season reach a higher level. Corrective influences have been at work so long that improving conditions must soon result; and, saving the temporary stringency usually experienced in January, the money market ought to gradually become easier and more plethoric with the approach of spring The last bank call proved that the brunt of the panic fell upon the New York banks, which depleted their reserves and expanded their loans to the limit in order to give help, while the interior banks often drew their funds from New York and piled up unnecessarily big reserves. The interior banks are generally strong, and upon them should chiefly fall the withdrawal of government deposits, which Secretary Cortelyou is expected to shortly announce. efore the first of June money threatens to become a drug in New York and interest rates considersteadily improving and desirable securtive. The more promptly it is recog- tained. As to stocks, many dividends may be reduced either as a necessity ments are made to go ahead on the nex owing to the diminished profits, or as basis, the quicker will be the real re- a matter of policy in times of advercovery. While there are still many sity. The action on Pensylvania and New York Central dividends this week has been severely criticised and is pensations which may be too easily hardly likely to be repeated by other railroads; all of which are feeling the effects of shrinkage in traffic and heavy increase in expenses. These contingencies have in some instances been so largely discounted as to justify still better prices for best class railroad shares; though the possibility must be considered that liquiration

> its completion. Another feature affording encouragement is the course of our foreign trade. Our exports in November were \$204,-000,000-probably the heaviest total on record-and an increase of \$22,000,000 over last year. Our imports during the month were less than \$111,000,000 and \$9,000,000 less than a year ago. With lessened purchasing power on the part of a very large number of heretofore rich people, the tendency will be toward a diminution of imports and an expansion of exports; the healthiest and most natural means of strengthening our credit abroad and retaining the gold recently imported

> in some quarters postponed during the

panic may have to be carried out to

#### BUGLER COWARDIN DROPS DEAD Blew Taps Over Jefferson Davis and Miss Davis.

Richmond Va., Dec. 21.-Bugler W. H. Cowardin, a confederate veteran, who has served ever since the cievil warfi and who blew taps over Jefferson Davis and Mrs Davis, dropped dead today while marching in the tuneral procession on way to bury Colonel W. E. Cutshaw, a noted war officer.

#### Carried to Savannah for Burial. New York, Dec. 21.—An uncle of Dr.

C. A. Geiger, of Beaufort, S. C., the slayer of Broker James H. Oliphanc had the body of the suicide removed from the morgue and placed on board a train tonight for Savannah, Ga., where funeral services will take place

The funeral services for James H. Olphant will be held Monday at the

#### Captured in South America.

Roanoke, Va., Dec. 21.—A cablegram received here today from Buenos Ayres stated that Morrie Ferris, wanted in Loanoke for the murder of Samuel Assaid, last summer, has finally been deofficer wil sail with his prisoner on January 3.

The officer has been in South America several months where many obstacles by the friends of Ferris blocked the start home.

#### Inscription on Monument. Richmond, Va., Dec. 21-An addition-

cut on the Davis monument in Hol do Springs, to her mother, Varina the Southern Confederacy.

#### Bank Statement.

New York, Dec. 21.-The statement the rebuilding in many of our cities of clearing house banks for the week American Scientific Congress at San- the cessation of these enterprises- reserve rule. This is an increase of tiago, Chile, be provided. The cong- partial or complete-will necessarily \$8,350,175 in the proportionate cash re-